

**REMARKS**

Claims 6, 8, 9, 14-20 and 22-29 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 8, 9, 15 and 16 are amended, claims 24-29 are added, and claims 10 and 21 are canceled. Support for the amendments to claims 8 and 9 can be found in the original specification at, for example, page 13, line 25 - page 14, line 22. Claims 15 and 16 are amended to be consistent with amended claim 8. Support for new claims 24, 25, 28 and 29 can be found in the original specification at, for example, page 20, lines 1-9. Support for new claims 26 and 27 can be found in the original specification at, for example, page 14, lines 15-22. Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 6, 18, 22 and 23. Claim 19 also should be allowed with these claims because claim 19 depends from allowed independent claim 6. Moreover, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance as detailed below.

Claims 8, 9 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,366,871 to Geva. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Geva does not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in independent claim 8. Claim 8 has been amended to clarify that the control portion acquires a data file, the control portion selecting the data file that is to be transmitted based on predetermined attribute information associated with that data file and that indicates characteristics of the data file. Geva does not disclose or suggest a control portion that selects a data file to be transmitted based on predetermined attribute information associated with the data file and that indicates characteristics of the data file. That is, Geva does not disclose predetermined attribute information associated with a data file and indicating characteristics of the data file and thus also does not disclose a control portion that selects a data file to be transmitted based on the attribute information. Geva merely discloses the steps of transmitting data in col. 8,

lines 21-27 and col. 9, lines 14-30 identified in the Office Action. Accordingly, independent claim 8 and its dependent claims are patentable over Geva.

Geva also does not disclose the features recited in dependent claim 9. In particular, Geva does not disclose or suggest that the predetermined attribute information is information indicating that the data file has a write-protect attribute. With respect to write protection in Geva, described at col. 9, lines 30-63 identified in the Office Action, Geva merely discloses a type of memory region reserved in RAM 602 exclusively for the event recording mode. This does not correspond to the claim 9 predetermined attribute information about a data file and indicating that the data file has a write-protect attribute. Accordingly, claim 9 is patentable over Geva for this additional reason.

Geva also does not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in independent claim 14. In rejecting claim 14, the Office Action states "the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 8." However, claim 14 is not similar to claim 8. Rather, claim 14 is much closer to allowed independent claims 6 and 22 and should be allowed. For example, Geva does not disclose or suggest the claim 14 control portion that transmits information through the wireless communication portion to an external destination and generating a backup of the information in the recording portion, the information being inputted from the main device to the control portion through the interface portion, wherein the control portion automatically deletes the backup from the recording portion after transmission of the information in the wireless communication portion is normally terminated, when the control portion generates the backup of the information in the recording portion. Accordingly, claim 14 is patentable over Geva.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8, 9 and 14 is requested.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Geva. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 10.

Claims 15-17 and 19-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Geva in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,300,976 to Fukuoka. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Fukuoka does not overcome the deficiencies in Geva noted above with respect to claim 8. Accordingly, claims 15-17 and 20 are patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 8. As mentioned above, claim 19 depends from allowed claim 6 and thus should be allowed. Claim 21 has been canceled, and thus its rejection is moot.

Furthermore, with respect to claim 15, the Office Action acknowledges that Geva does not disclose attribute information that is information concerning a folder. With respect to the Office Action's comments on Fukuoka, Applicant respectfully submits that Fukuoka also does not disclose the claim 15 feature that the predetermined attribute information is information regarding a folder in which a data file is stored. Col. 7, lines 17-37 and Fig. 9 of Fukuoka, cited in the Office Action, does not mention folders. What Fukuoka discloses is input/output control files. Accordingly, claim 15 is patentable over the Geva/Fukuoka combination for the additional features recited in claim 15.

With respect to dependent claim 16, Applicant respectfully submits that col. 7, lines 17-65 of Fukuoka, cited in the Office Action, does not disclose or suggest the claim 16 feature that a control portion transmits the selected data file to an external destination specified by the folder, through the wireless communication portion.

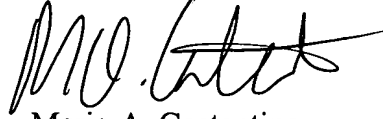
Withdrawal of the rejection based upon Geva and Fukuoka is requested.

Applicant submits that newly-added dependent claims 24-29 also are patentable for depending on claim 8 and for the additional features that they recite.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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